

Abstract

[0083] A diversity receiver system applying diversity to improve reception of coded data in presence of fading of the broadcast signal. The communication system includes a diversity receiver system receives the coded data modulated broadcast signal from a transmission channel. The diversity receiver system has a signal acquisition device for evaluation of the signal characteristics of copies of the coded data modulated broadcast signal, extracting the coded data, control signals, and locking signals from the copies of the coded data. A diversity circuit selects one of the copies of the coded data modulated broadcast signals. An error evaluation circuit evaluates the coded data signal for errors and provides an error signal to the diversity circuit indicating an error state of the selected data, wherein the diversity circuit selects a second copy of the coded data modulated broadcast signal.